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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM PINT HA MX US
SUBJ: ASYLEE IN MEXICAN EMBASSY: LUCIEN RIGAUD

1. LUCIEN RIGAUD IS GROWING INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED AFTER MORE THAN YEAR IN ASYLUM IN THE MEXICAN EMBASSY IN PORT AU PRINCE AND IS SHOWING SIGNS OF IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOR. MEX-ICAN CHARGE RAMIREZ CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MAY 31 TO DESCRIBE RIGAUD'S STATE OF MIND AND TO EXPRESS CONCERN THAT RIGAUD MIGHT BE CONTEMPLATING SOME DESPERATE ACTION TO EFFECT HIS DEPARTURE FROM HAITI. RAMIREZ SAYS RIGAUD TALKS CONSTANTLY OF BEING RESCUED BY SUBMARINE OR HELICOPTER AND EXPECTS TO RECEIVE A PERSONAL PHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. RAMIREZ, WHO HAS ALWAYS HAD DOUBTS ABOUT RIGAUD'S MENTAL STABILITY, FEARS RIGAUD MIGHT TRY TO ESCAPE HAHTI AND THAT THE ATTEMPT MIGHT HAVE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES.

2. THERE IS NO SIGN WHATEVER THAT THE GOH WILL RELENT AND GRANT RIGAUD A LAISSER PASSER. NOT ONLY HAS RIGAUD BEEN PUBLICLY DENOUNCED BY HIS FORMER COMPANION IN ASYLUM (PAP 1834) BUT, MAJOR ROGER CAZEAU, HIS PARTNER IN HIS ALLEGED DEALINGS WITH CONGRESSMAN FLOOD, HAS JUST BEEN PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL. MOREOVER, THE GOH CERTAINLY HOLDS RIGAUD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SENSATIONAL
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ARTICLE ABOUT HIS CASE IN THE MAY 14 NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE SECTION (PAP 1925) WHICH WAS A SERIOUS SETBACK TO GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE TOURISM AND PROJECT A MORE PROGRESSIVE IMAGE IN THE U.S. RAMIREZ BELIEVES PUBLICATION OF TIMES ARTICLE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO RIGAUD'S INCREASINGLY FANCIFUL DELUSIONS OF SOME KIND OF DRAMATIC INTERVENTION BY USG.

3. WE URGED RAMIREZ TO TAKE INCREASED PRECAUTIONS IN
SURVEILLANCE OF RIGAUD AND ADVISED HIM THAT WE HAD
RECEIVED NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH THE GOH TO
LET RIGAUD TESTIFY IN THE U.S.
JONES

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